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SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES FOR TRIBAL AREAS OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes and programmes chalked out during the last three years to cover the entire tribal areas, coastal belts and Chilka lake villages of Orissa so far, year-wise;

(b) the proposed schemes/programmes in these areas for the year 2004-05; and

(c) the funds and equipment earmarked for these areas by the Government to bring about telecommunication development in these areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Details of achievement under various schemes and programmes during last three years are given in Annexure-1

(b) The proposed schemes/programmes in these areas for the year 2004-05 are given in annexure-ll.

(c) During the current financial year a n amount of Rs.347.70 Crore is allocated to Orissa Circle which include the funds for improvement of telecom infrastructure in tribal and coastal areas.

Annexure-I

Achievement during last three years.

Item	Tribal area			Coastal area			Chillika lake villages		
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Switching Cap.	36592	47392	4684	120839	28632	34302	-	-	-
Direct Exchange Lines	24584	12884	11864	67534	41789	19080	17	92	65
Optical Fiber cable (in RKMs)	544.4	573.6	117.6	720.1	572	264	22	23	0
Villager Public Telephones(VPT)	2519	2813	249	5052	1575	50	0	60	0

Annexure-II

Proposed schemes /programmes for the year 2004-05

Scheme	Tribal Area	Coastal Area
Local Switching capacity expansion Upgradation	5 Kilo Lines	8.32 Kilo Lines
Trunk Auto Exchange-New/Expn	12 Kilo Lines	8 Kilo Lines

Wireless in Local Loop	14.5 Kilo Lines	54.5 Kilo Lines
VPT using DSPT	3918 390	
ANRAX	141 237	

ANRAX = Access Network for Rural Automatic exchange
DSPT = Digital Satellite Public Telephone